

H. R. 410.

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

DECEMBER 10, 1850.

Mr. HAMPTON, on leave, introduced the following bill; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A BILL

Granting a portion of the public lands to the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad, and the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled, That three millions of acres of the public lands*
4 *belonging to the United States, be, and the same are here-*
5 *by, granted to the State of Pennsylvania for the purpose*
6 *of aiding in the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad,*
7 *the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad, and that portion*
8 *of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad lying within the*
9 *limits of the State of Pennsylvania, to be distributed*

10 among the several companies as follows, to wit: two mil-
11 lions of acres for the construction of the Pennsylvania
12 Railroad, five hundred thousand for the construction of the
13 Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad, and five hundred
14 thousand for the construction of the Ohio and Pennsylva-
15 nia Railroad.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor
2 of said State shall, by himself, or by one or more compe-
3 tent person or persons, to be by him appointed, select, with
4 the approbation of the Secretary of the Interior, the said
5 land hereby granted, out of any lands belonging to the
6 United States, and subject to private entry now, or here-
7 after to be surveyed. And the said Governor, or those by
8 him appointed as aforesaid, may expose the same, or such
9 portions thereof as he may deem proper, to sale, and the
10 proceeds thereof, after deducting the necessary expenses
11 attending the selection and sale, shall be applied to the pay-
12 ment of stock, to be subscribed by the Governor on behalf
13 of the State, to the several railroad companies mentioned
14 in the first section of this act, in proportions therein set
15 forth; and all dividends arising on said stock shall be paid
16 over to the Treasurer of the said State, and added to the
17 common school fund thereof: *Provided, nevertheless,*
18 That the said State of Pennsylvania assent to the grant
19 and limitations aforesaid: *And provided further,* That the

20 said State may, from time to time, pass such laws, and
21 adopt such regulations, as may be necessary to carry into
22 effect the aforesaid grant.